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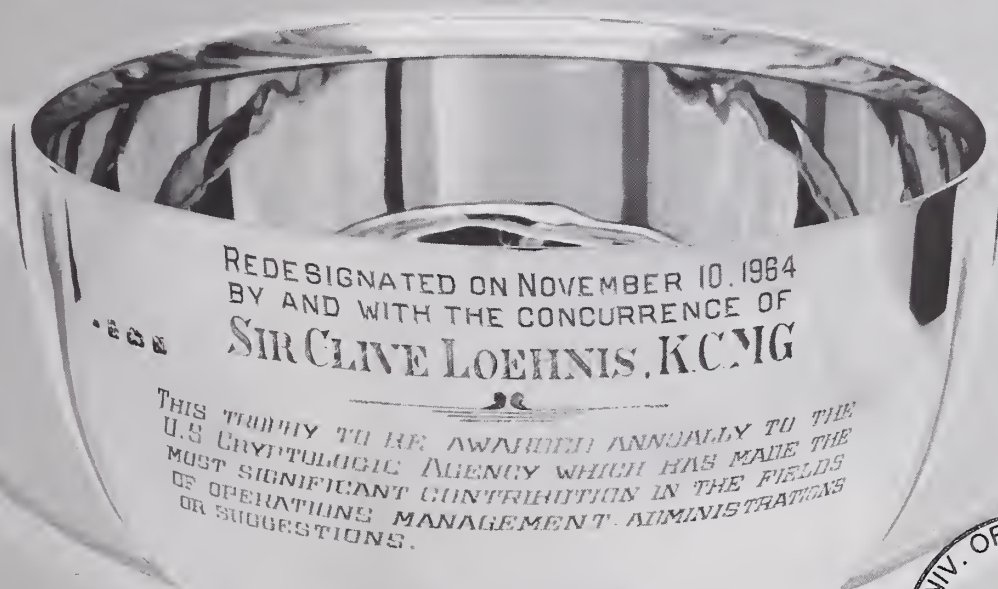
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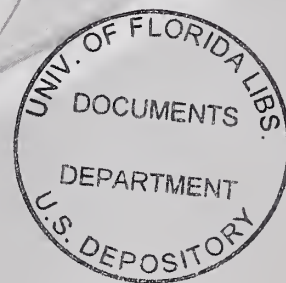
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The 1967 Travis Trophy Award



UP AND AWAY with usasa!



by SP4 Ted Sauceman, Information Specialist
USASA TC&S

The Army Security Agency has always been a flexible organization, ever expanding and changing to meet the requirements at hand, but the newest addition tops them all. The Agency now has an Air Division located at the TC&S, Ft. Devens, Mass.

The unit was activated in September 1967 and is commanded by MAJ Robert B. Galusha, who acts as division chief and senior instructor pilot.

The only existing school of its type, its mission is to provide Army aviators with special training in aircraft operations prior to their assignment with USASA units around the world.

More than 100 pilots have graduated from the 24-day course since its inception, and the Division is now programmed to turn out 150 qualified pilots a year.

The four instructor pilots assigned to the school, MAJ Galusha, CPT Murrell Sloan, CW2 Henry E. Mausolf, and CW2 Jack Pryor, have more than 8,000 flying hours to their credit.

The pilots, plus approximately 30 enlisted men, led by SFC Charles Gray, comprise the training cadre. In addition to maintenance and support personnel there are seven platform instructors who also act as technical observers in the planes during practical exercises.

The Division is currently operating with five of the Army's standard single and multi-engine planes, but is scheduled to receive new RU21 turboprop planes next year.

During the course, the students receive approximately 60 to 80 hours of ground training, including use of the link trainer, a device which simulates an aircraft cockpit. The pilots also spend 12 to 20 hours flying simulated operational missions. These exercises are conducted as close to actual field conditions as possible.

According to MAJ Galusha, the course has greatly reduced the orientation time which is normally required when a pilot joins a USASA field unit. As a result, the TC&S trained pilots can move into their new jobs almost immediately after joining their units. ■

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OUR COVER

The Travis Trophy for 1967 has been won by the 509th Group. Story on page 3.

509th Group Wins Travis Trophy...

The 509th Group has won the coveted Travis Trophy Award for 1967. LTG Marshall S. Carter, director of the National Security Agency (NSA) made the presentation during a ceremony in the NSA Auditorium at Ft. Meade, Md., on September 25.

BG James H. Keller, deputy commanding general, and COL William T. Riley Jr., former commander of the 509th, accepted the award on behalf of MG Charles J. Denholm, commanding general.

The Travis Trophy is awarded annually to the service cryptologic agency which has made the greatest contribution to the national cryptologic effort in the fields of operations, management, administration or suggestions. It is the highest award in the military cryptologic field, and it is considered a great honor just to be nominated.

The 509th was cited for its outstanding support to units of the United States Army and the national effort.

Honorable mention plaques were presented to Captain James W. Pearson, USN, deputy commander of the Naval Security Group and MG Louis Coira, USAF, commander of the U.S. Air Force Security Service.

The Travis Trophy was originated in 1945 by Sir Edward Travis, K.C.M.G., as an award for competitive games between the USASA and the Naval Communications Supplementary Activity. The award became inactive after USASA had won it several years in a row, and was presumed lost by NSA until in 1964 LTG Gordon A. Blake, USAF, then director of NSA, saw the trophy on display while on a visit to Arlington Hall. LTG Blake reactivated the award and this is the fourth year it has been presented.

A replica of the trophy is given to the winning unit for



LTG Carter, director of NSA (right), presents the Travis Trophy to BG James H. Keller on September 25. COL William T. Riley Jr. is shown at left.

permanent retention. The original is returned to NSA each year. Walnut and brass plaques are also presented to the nominated units. ■

And 4 Meritorious Unit Awards

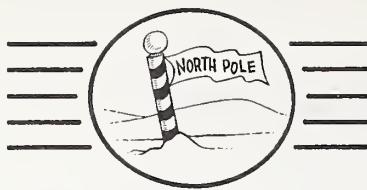
Four units of the 509th Group were awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd OLC) in ceremonies held on September 17. The four are: Headquarters; Headquarters and Service Company; Communications Unit; and the 101st Company. The award is for the period June 1, 1966 to September 30, 1967. Anyone assigned to these units during that period is eligible to wear the award.

The citation lauded the units for "... exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service."

The presentation was made by GEN Andrew Goodpaster, who said, "... the results of your work cannot be measured in the same dimension as the work of other units ... villages secured ... weapons captured. But yet your contribution is felt in every major action, and a share of the success that has been achieved ... rightfully belongs to you. You know what the results of your work are, and my purpose is only to confirm that those who serve with you realize the value of your service as well. I commend you for your splendid contribution ..."



GEN Goodpaster pins MUC streamer on unit standard as COL Riley and BG Godding look on.



pass in review

A roundup of news from Hallmark correspondents

Alaska—Each year millions of children write Christmas letters to Santa, but how many of them actually receive written replies? Better yet, how many receive replies postmarked at North Pole, Alaska? This Christmas you can arrange to have your child receive a reply to his Santa letter, thanks to the men of our detachment with US Army Alaska.

The Agency soldiers will remail any and all letters you send them, from the community of North Pole Alaska, on December 15. This includes not only your "replies from Santa" to your children, but other Christmas cards and letters as well. Each item to be remailed must be in an air mail stamped envelope. Send all letters in a bundle to:

**USASA Det. USARAL,
APO Seattle 98749.**

Although there is no charge for this unusual service, you are asked to enclose a contribution to the Agency Benefit Association with your letter. The detachment will forward all money to the Association.

California—The largest reenlistment bonus—\$9,700—ever awarded at Two Rock Ranch went to SP5 Arthur L. Shepherd, a traffic analyst, who "kicked it for six" on September 10.

SFC Ray A. Anfang, Sixth Army Det., honor graduate of the latest Communications Equipment Repair Course at Lackland AFB, set a new academic record for the course with a 98.7 record.

Ethiopia—Unit day fund-raising activities at Kagnew Station pushed 1968 contributions from the station to nearly \$4,300—the highest gross contribution within the Agency. One of the most popular and profitable activities was Co A's "Dunk a Sergeant Major" booth which raised \$400.

Many officers and NCOs had to "pay off" when their unit contributions exceeded goals. For example, SFC John P. Cramer, A Co, promised to hike 55 miles to Cheren if his unit donated \$250. He had to pay off, but only made 35 miles before being stopped by a sore knee and blisters. Also, he almost got butted by a billy goat!

Germany—"Tell it to the chaplain." Herzo Base Chaplain LTC Thomas

O. Williamsen administered the first reenlistment oath in his Army career in September. He swore in SFC John P. Quinn, a 25-year Army veteran, who re-upped for three more.

The second twins ever born at Bad Aibling arrived in September to SP5 Doug Gitt and his wife Julie. They were named Tamala and Teresa.

For the second straight year, Herzo's Volunteer Fire Dept. proved itself one of the top three in Europe. The 15-man department won third place out of a field of 27 in the USAREUR-wide Fire Fighting Proficiency Test for 1968. This unannounced test included a written portion and a practical fire-fighting situation.



Shirley Temple meets Shirley Temple.

"You poor thing! You have my condolences." Thus Shirley Temple Black, child star turned politician, greeted a crimson-faced SP4 Shirley Temple Allanson, who is assigned to Agency European HQ, during a September press conference.

It was a first for Mrs. Black. "I've never met anyone before named Shirley Temple," she said. Specialist Allanson quickly assured Mrs. Black that he was not a distant relative.

"Did your mother name you this on purpose?" she asked.

"No," replied the blushing specialist who is better known as Bill, "my father liked the name Shirley and my mother wanted Temple. So they put them together and here I am."

Allanson has no theatrical ambitions; he plans to study data processing after his ETS.



H&S Co cook, SP5 George Welford, serves LTC and Mrs. J. R. Clapper at PAC's Unit Day picnic. 150 pounds of Texas barbecued beef insured that nobody went home hungry.

Korea—In ceremonies September 9 at Yong Dong Po, SSM Robert E. Holder and SGT Kenneth J. Sanders received the first Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals from Group Commander LTC Richard J. Jachens. All personnel assigned to Group Korea since October 1966 may wear the medal (see October *Spotlight*).

Massachusetts—Friday the 13th was a lucky day for Rod Isler of Co F, TC&S. He was promoted to Private First Class. However, he was even luckier on the 14th when he was promoted to Specialist Four. Isler received this unusually quick promotion for being the honor graduate of his Morse interceptor course with a 98.6 average—one of the highest ever received in the course. Isler, who has 10 years amateur radio experience, breezed through the 13-week basic Morse code course in four weeks!

TC&S took first place in the annual Association of the U.S. Army membership drive in the Ft. Devens area. The Menehunes provided entertainment for the AUSA banquet with songs of the Islands and a parody of the Ballad of the Green Berets.

A second childhood for our students at Ft. Devens. Not exactly! Volunteers from the American Platoon





Members of the wives' clubs at Torii Station prepare gifts which were presented to needy families during Obon. (Photo by SP4 Don Chapman)

"Obon" is a three day religious holiday celebrated in the Ryuku Islands every summer. The area around family homes is cleared, incense is burned, family reunions are held, gifts are exchanged, special foods are served at banquets and everyone dresses colorfully and dances to entertain the spirits of their ancestors.

The Officers and the NCO Wives Clubs at Torii Station collected food, clothing and personal items and contributed them to 10 needy families in the area.

TWO MAX PCPT TEST

Two men have topped SP5 Eddie Howard's PCPT score (see Sept. *Pass in Review*). Perfect 500 scores were earned by SP5 Garold K. Bertrand, TC&S Ft. Devens, and by SGT Michael E. Kinnear, 400th SOD (Abn) Okinawa, who was the first person to score 500 in Island-wide competition. Any other HALLMARK readers max the PT test?

H, TC&S, are painting and repairing playground equipment at the post nursery on Saturdays.



Vienam—The nurse adviser to the Bien Hoa Mental Hospital wrote GEN Creighton W. Abrams, Commander MACV: "I wish to pay tribute to a small group of men who have given of themselves that suffering patients in this hospital can climb another rung up the ladder toward a more complete and useful life." These men are the 30-soldier ambassadors of the 175th RR Co who donate their spare time and talents to the hospital as carpenters, plumbers, masons and painters. She concludes her letter, "I cannot determine exactly who they work for or what they do. Regardless, I know that they work for you. They also work for humanity."

In September COL William T. Riley turned over command of the 509th Gp to COL Allen J. Mauderly, former CO of the 8th RRFS in Phu Bai. COL Riley is now assigned to Ft. Meade.



CSM Clifford Charron cuts a 23d Anniversary cake at the Arlington Hall Station NCO Club on Unit Day. MG Charles J. Denholm performed similar honors at the Officer's Club. (Photo by SP4 Michael Walston)

Virginia—Fund-raising schemes from cake sales to auctions to variety shows are used to raise money for the Benefit Association. Mat Spt Comd did it the "hard" way—simply passing the hat—with excellent results. \$745.50 was collected, an average of \$3.12 per man. Drive chairman 1LT Michael W. Bartnicki said, "The success of the drive can be attributed to the generosity and esprit de corps of the men and their belief in the good of the Association."

The average adult has just six quarts of blood, but at least three Agency men have donated over five gallons of the life-saving fluid! Two are civilians, Walter G. Ruding and John O'Hara, both at Arlington Hall, while the top military donor, SSM Gerald Germain is at Torii Station in Okinawa. Other members of the Gallon Donor Club are: Howard R. Leith, 4 gal; Gordon Doody, 3 gal; and SP4 William S. Dobsen, 3 gal; SSG Bernard Wohlrab, 3 gal; SSG William Dougherty, 3 gal; and PFC Rees E. Friend, 3 gal. (Since this list is incomplete, let THE HALLMARK know about other gallon donors.)

Our largest unit, TC&S Ft. Devens, has the most blood donors. Since the donor system was reorganized in April, students at TC&S have been donating over 500 pints of blood monthly and supply nearly 70 per cent of the Devens total. A recent officer class volunteered 100 per cent to give blood; they were given a training holiday. Enlisted men who contribute more than one-half gallon are normally given a three-day pass.

Arlington Hall Station's top military blood donor (2 gal.) LTC Charles E. Wentzel, has his blood pressure checked by Dr. Stebbing of the American Red Cross during a September 19 Blood-mobile visit.





SPOTLIGHT

News from USASA Headquarters

CDA

□ **Computer Models Aiding Work of CDA**—A critical function of USASA's Combat Developments Activity is the assessment of U.S. Army's and opposing forces' vulnerability to electronic warfare and electronic counter-measures.

Electronic Data Processing (EDP) simulation systems—two in particular called ACCESS and SCOPE—are becoming an integral part of this effort.

ACCESS (ASA Computer Control Environment Simulation System), a model in use for over a year now, is an EDP system designed to enable the use of modern digital computers in accomplishing system studies of Signal Intelligence, Signal Security, and Electronic Warfare missions.

Some of the specific uses of the ACCESS model are:

- Simulation of the interaction and interface among electronic emitters.
- Calculation of atmospheric, climatic, and geographic effects on the propagation of electromagnetic signals.
- Generation of electromagnetic elements containing detailed operational and organization data.

The second EDP simulation system, SCOPE (SIGINT Concept and Operational Performance and Effectiveness) is in the final stages of development. When completed it will be used by the Evaluation Division of CDA to evaluate Signal Intelligence systems in terms of performance and effectiveness.

ODCSR&D

□ **Edwin A. Speakman New Staff Advisor**—The newly-created position of Staff Advisor for Scientific and Cryptologic Affairs is being filled by Edwin A. Speakman, former Director of Research and Development in the Department of Transportation. Mr. Speakman has also been associated with the Center for Naval Analysis and the RCA Service Company's Missile Range Programs.

ODSCSCOM

□ **DA Audit Nears Completion**—This month Department of the Army auditors are completing the first "mission-oriented" audit of the Army Security Agency; that is, an audit of how the Agency is meeting its stated mission objectives.

DA audits of the command in the past were done on an individual account basis—for example, finance and accounting or the consolidated property account—and bore only a partial relation to the overall mission.

The present DA audit, started more than a year ago in October 1967, deals with a majority of the units in the Agency and involves about 50 auditors.

ODCSSEC

□ **COL Coleman New Security Chief**—COL James F. Coleman recently became the new Deputy Chief of Staff, Security. He came to Headquarters from the Individual Training Directorate in Department of the Army's ODCSPER where he was Chief of the ROTC Branch. COL Coleman replaces COL Shirley R. Trumps now assigned to MACV.

AG

□ **Agency People Receiving More Medals**—Each year the number of USASA people receiving decorations and awards increases—perhaps as good an indication as any of the command's expanding contribution to the United States military effort.

Most Legion of Merit and Army Commendation Medals, which are given for distinguished service not in direct combat, are awarded by USASA's Commanding General, while the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Medal, both actual combat awards, are usually awarded by other commands to Agency men attached to them. The Commanding General, USASA, however, does have the authority to issue the BSM and the Air Medal.

ODCSFOR

□ **EW Film Enters Second Stage**—USASA, in conjunction with USCONARC and USARADCOM is sponsoring a color training film entitled *Electronic Warfare Environment*—the first U.S. Army film ever produced on the subject.

The first part of the film, the script or specification portion, is already completed and will be used this month in the photographing of scenes for the production. The film is being produced under the auspices of the Department of the Army Picture/Television Production, FY 1969.

□ **New FM Enhances Role of EW Officers**—The latest edition of FM 101-5 (Staff Officers Field Manual—Staff Organization and Procedure) specifies that an Electronic Warfare (EW)/Cryptologic Officer for the first time be assigned on the staff at division, corps, and field army level.

Additionally, the Electronic Warfare Element (EWE) is described as an integral part of the Tactical Operations Centers.

The doctrine in the new field manual must be translated into authorization documents and personnel programming. USASA and the U.S. Army Combat Developments Command are currently engaged in this activity.

ODCSPER

□ **Arlington Hall Station Civilian Honored**—Mrs. Mildred E. McCredie, former Post Signal Officer at Arlington Hall Station, received the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal—the second highest Army civilian award—upon her recent retirement from government service.

Mrs. McCredie served continuously at Arlington Hall since 1944 when, as a WAC assigned to the Signal Section, she operated the switchboard.

Discharged in October 1945, she returned the following month as a civilian telephone operator in the Post Signal Office and eventually became Post Signal Officer in 1967. During her career, Mrs. McCredie also received four Outstanding Performance Awards and two Sustained Superior Performance Awards.

□ **Advantages to MOS Switch**—Since world-wide vacancies in MOS 05B (Radio Operator) are severely limited, those holding this MOS might well consider applying for reclassification to 05C (Radio Teletype Operator), if qualified. In addition, overseas service in MOS 05C offers an exceptionally good opportunity for advancement.

05Bs returning to CONUS will find promotion potential practically nonexistent.

□ **Graduate Record Exams Needed**—Many excellent military assignments are reserved for officers with an advanced degree. The first step in applying for a graduate school program, and subsequent assignment to one of these positions, is completion of the Graduate Record Examination.

The exam is an internationally recognized educational test designed to measure the general scholastic ability and advanced study potential of graduate school applicants.

Colleges and universities rely on the Graduate Record Examination scores to assist them in admissions.

The exam is given periodically at civilian schools throughout the U.S. and in certain locations overseas. More information may be obtained by writing to: Graduate Record Examination, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J. 08540.

□ **PACE Results Come In**—Results of the initial audit of Project PACE (Personnel Audit and Correction of Errors), designed to improve the accuracy of qualification records and data contained in the master personnel files at Department of the Army, show that of the thousands of Agency qualification records checked, about one in five enlisted records needed correcting and one in four officer's records.

Because a high percentage of persons throughout the Army—including a significant number in the Agency—were in a transient status during the initial audit cycle conducted this past summer, the PACE project was expanded several additional months.

From all indications so far, it appears the PACE audit will be a key factor in providing the Department of the Army with considerably more accurate and timely personnel information.

□ **New Policy for Overseas Requests**—ODCSPER reports a change in procedure in processing requests for overseas assignment for enlisted men in grades E1 through E6. Under the new policy, all requests for overseas service received at Headquarters will now be kept on file for consideration up to 90 days, unless, of course, the request can be approved earlier.

At the end of the 90-day period the individual will be advised if his grade and MOS cannot be utilized overseas. If possible, the notification will also include information on how the person may become eligible for overseas movement through retraining and reclassification into another MOS field.

□ **Ideas Keep Paying Off**—Agency people continue to cash in on the Army Suggestion Program in a big way. Here are two of the latest examples.

Raymond S. Talbot, a civilian employee with ODCSLOG at Headquarters, was awarded \$780 for suggesting the transfer of certain Air Force vehicles to the Field Station at Asmara—an idea that saved about \$25,070 in transportation costs.

While stationed at the Army Garrison, Arlington Hall Station, SFC Hubert L. Quertermous suggested that the Consolidated Property Office obtain nonexpendable supplies on a nonreimbursable basis by reviewing the excess property listings of the General Services Administration and the Defense Supply Agency. His idea was worth \$19,891 to the Army and \$750 to him.





When in Rome...

FS Homestead Adopts Indian Name, Tradition

WHEREAS, the Seminole name denotes to all people the qualities of honor, courage and pride and is epitomized by the quality of perseverance against all odds, and WHEREAS, the Seminole Tribe appreciates the service rendered our nation by personnel at the 6th USASA Field Station. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the 6th USASA Field Station be permitted to use the Seminole name . . . and be known as the 6th SEMINOLE U.S. Army Security Agency Field Station.

The resolution was unanimously approved by the five-member Seminole Tribal Council and signed by the chairman, Chief Billy Osceola.

On the tenth day of June 1964, the name "Seminole" was added to the Army Security Agency's Field Station at Homestead, Florida, and from that time on the installation has been popularly known as "Seminole Station."

During the more than four years of Seminole Station's existence, the officers and enlisted men—today under the command of LTC Warren H. Ellis—have demonstrated by their work that the adopted name is well deserved.

In tribal lore the name "Seminole" stands for a set of values which virtually amount to a precis of our own Bill of Rights. "Seminole" symbolizes full personal freedom and expression within the law, brotherhood among

all men, the right of every man to take his own place in society and make his own decisions and, with these freedoms, the responsibility to defend his society from injurious outside influences.

Coincidentally, the name seems to embody those beliefs the USASA men at Seminole Station are engaged in defending.

This Agency field station on the edge of the Florida Everglades finds itself in an environment of dramatic contrasts.

On one hand are the Seminole—a proud band of American Indians who have retained much of their tribal culture and heritage as sonic booms exploded over their heads.



THE SEMINOLE STATION SYMBOL

On the other hand, is the diverse vacationland of Southern Florida enveloping a wide radius around its center, Miami Beach.

In addition to its surroundings, Seminole Station is made even more unique by means of a curious set of host-tenant relationships which, at first glance, appear hopelessly confusing.

First, USASA Field Station Homestead, or Seminole Station, is not located on Homestead Air Force Base; it is situated fifteen miles south of the base on Navy Site Alpha (part of the Naval Security Group) and is dependent upon the Navy activity for operational support. Navy Site Alpha, in turn, is a tenant to Homestead Air Force Base.

Administrative, medical, housing, and transportation support is provided directly by the air base while another base tenant—the Third U.S. Army Support Group (AD)—takes care of the Field Station's finance and depot maintenance.

There is one detachment of Seminole Station in fact, that is not a tenant to any U.S. Armed Service but, instead, to a civilian corporation!

This detachment is supported by the USAF Eastern Test Range at Patrick AFB where the Air Force's interests are contracted to Pan-American Airlines, in reality making the detachment a tenant to Pan-Am.

Headquarters Company of Semi-

nole Station is actually at Homestead AFB, 25 miles south of Miami. Most of the single enlisted men and first and second lieutenants live on the base.

For the married men, there is modern on-base housing as well as plentiful off-base housing available.

As part of the Homestead AFB community, USASA people enjoy the full program of recreational, social, and religious activities their Air Force host offers at this modern base.

The Homestead area's semi-tropical latitude encourages year-round recreation with the emphasis, naturally, on the outdoors—particularly the Atlantic Ocean. Biscayne Bay is only a few miles from Homestead AFB and is a favorite spot for sunbathing, water skiing, and deep sea fishing.

Miami, with its impressive new skyline, and the night lights of Miami Beach, are a scenic one-hour drive up the coast.

Seminole Station is, by most accounts, one of the more agreeable duty stations in or out of the Agency. And despite, or perhaps because of, the intertwined host-tenant agreements, the men of Seminole Station consistently produce results of an exemplary standard in their contribution to USASA's mission.

With this in mind it becomes clear that Seminole Station has more than a tenuous relationship in geography and nomenclature to the Seminole who first inhabited the region.

The connection goes much deeper. The Seminole often had to endure extreme hardship in their long struggle to preserve the identity and integrity of their homeland and beliefs. They were ever vigilant against encroachments upon their lands and they fought bitterly to defend what they felt was rightfully theirs.

Seminole Station is not, of course, a combat unit and by no means do the men there undergo the same kind of difficulties a combat unit does; but, like the Seminole, they have a constant vigil—a round-the-clock responsibility to preserve the freedoms and beliefs of the United States.

The philosophy of the Seminole and our nation—as exemplified by Seminole Station—is so strikingly analogous that an official Seminole Station emblem, made up of Indian symbols was developed. With the help



The mess hall at Site Alpha of Seminole Station is a large, modern facility and ranks among the best in the Agency.

of the Seminole, a diamond-shaped emblem comprised of four lesser diamonds representing the common meeting ground between the two communities was designed.

The chief's headdress signifies allegiance to the chief, or the Commander-in-Chief, in untiring and expert support of the national effort.

To the Seminole, the dugout canoe symbolized survival, as the vehicle for hunting, travel, and adventure. To those in the Agency it reflects the world-wide dispersment of the units within the Command. (The canoe is *not*, as some resident wags have it, a reflection of Seminole Station's working conditions during its formative years.)

The fire burning before the hut, or *Chickee*, in the next symbol, is an ancient symbol of warmth and hospitality—qualities much in evidence at Seminole Station and in the Semi-

nole Indian community. The huts of the Indians and the buildings of the field station, of necessity, had to be sturdy to withstand the buffeting administered by an occasional hurricane.

The fourth symbol and the foundation of the whole diamond depicts the most important item of the Seminole warrior's equipment, the silver breast plates. This piece of armor indicates that a nation or society must basically be militarily strong, for only upon this foundation can skilled leaders and technicians emerge to carry out demanding assignments.

In symbol and fact, the kinship between the Seminole and the USASA field station using the tribe's name, is strong and binding.

The men of USASA Field Station Homestead—Seminole Station—are writing their own history, and it is an exciting story. ■

New Unit Seeks Students

A new course for qualified O5Ks is now being offered by one of the Agency's newest units, the Pensacola, Florida, Detachment.

The course is titled "Executive Agency Advanced Non-Morse Operations Course, and lasts for 24 weeks. It is designed to give the career O5K a better technical and theory background in all phases of non-Morse operations.

The Detachment is under the command of 1LT D. I. Price and provides administrative control and instructors for the course.

New classes begin periodically, and there are only a limited number of

openings. Due to a lack of applications from qualified personnel, the last few classes have not been filled with their full quotas of Army personnel. The Pensacola Detachment, therefore, is in need of good, hard-working O5Ks who want to further their careers.

So if you are a school graduated O5K, in pay grade E5 or above, with at least four years of field experience and the willingness to meet the service remaining requirements outlined in DA Pamphlet 350-10, see your personnel section and investigate the possibility of attending the Agency Advanced Non-Morse Operations Course at Pensacola. ■

'Short-Timer's' Cane Is Comm Unit Tradition

by SP4 C. E. Downey
Ass't Editor, Frankfurter Forum

A wooden cane, an item which is generally used by the infirm, is used by able-bodied soldiers at the USA-SAE Communications Unit in Frankfurt, Germany, and it always carries visions of leaving rather than grieving.

The first man to hold the cane, SP4 Jack Frost, arrived in Frankfurt in 1964. When he left the unit in 1966, he passed the Alpine cane on to the next "shortest" man, who held it until his day arrived and then, again, passed it on to the next man slated to leave.

To qualify for ownership of the cane, a "short-timer" has to comply with several conditions. He must be finishing his European tour, all of which has been spent in the Comm Unit, and he must be the next man to leave among his work-mates on the Bravo trick.

Because Agency tours are longer than those of most other units, the "Short-timer's Cane" is a revered possession among the men.

The "Short-Timer's Cane" has been held by the "shortest" man on Comm Unit's Bravo trick since the origin of the idea several years ago.

SP4 Terry Kern, 23, of Mountain View, Oklahoma, held the cane from



SP4 Terry Kern is shown holding the USASAE Comm Unit "Short-Timer's Cane." Photo by SP4 T. J. Smith.

July 20 to August 2. He arrived in the Comm Unit in March of 1966 and departed the unit in August.

Kern passed the cane on to SP4 Dennis Pankow, 21, who finished his 40-month tour on August 18.

Soldier Wins Award For Letter

Specialist Four Ronald A. Schmidt, now with Co B, FS Herzogenaurach, has been awarded a cash prize for his entry in the 1967 Freedoms Foundation Letter Awards Program. A check for \$100 and a George Washington Honor Medal were presented by Herzo Commander LTC Joseph Howard and CPT Benjamin Olenick, B Company commander.

A native of Winona, Minn., Schmidt was with the 335th RR DSU in Vietnam when he wrote the prize-winning letter. His subject "How Lucky We Are to Live in the United States of America" was chosen because a friend's 13-year-old brother couldn't understand why Americans must be in Vietnam. The youngster's brother was killed at Dak To.

Saddened by his personal loss and concerned over the youngster's problem, Schmidt tried "to explain the cause for fighting so far away and for a cause which so many in the USA refuse to acknowledge."

Winner Schmidt has submitted his entry to the 1968 contest on the subject "A Free Ballot—A Free Country."

USASA Soldier Saves Child's Life

PFC Jerald Kearney of Hq Co, Group Korea has been recommended for a Soldier's Medal for rescuing a Korean child from drowning.

The incident occurred as Kearney was crossing the Kungang River in a ferry-boat. A young boy who was swimming in the river began thrashing the water and struggling to keep his head above the surface. Kearney quickly removed his shoes and jacket and dove into the water. Because of the strong current of the river, Kearney was at first unable to reach the boy. He finally climbed onto a pier

and ran along its length until he was down-stream from the now unconscious victim. Diving back into the water he finally got hold of the boy and brought him to shore.

Once on shore, Kearney revived the boy with effectively applied artificial respiration.

Kearney's heroic actions were witnessed by many Korean civilians and several military personnel.

One of these witnesses was the Commander of a U.S. Missile Battalion who recommended Kearney for the Soldier's Medal.



SP4 Ronald A. Schmidt receives Freedoms Foundation award from LTC Joseph Howard, commander of Herzogenaurach.



HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

Legion of Merit

COLONEL: William T. Riley, Jr. (1)*, Vernon E. Robbins.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Robert J. Gerst, Robert A. Krueger (1)*, Dwyer K. Mitchum, Lawton C. Rovegno, Richard H. Smith, Russell V. Smith, Otis G. Tippit.

MAJOR: Jerry W. Gibson, Frank C. Torres, Jr.

CAPTAIN: Robert G. Dow, John R. Shane, Jack G. Stiles (1)*.

CHIEF WARRENT OFFICER 4: Robert L. Gibson.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Gordon M. Gober, Jr.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: William C. Dials.

SERGEANT MAJOR: Regis F. McCloskey.

Bronze Star Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Stanley G. Koslowski.

CAPTAIN: Paul F. Gleeson, Nelson J. Luria.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Stephen McClure.

MASTER SERGEANT: Ernest L. Sellers.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Kenneth E. Angradi.

STAFF SERGEANT: Lesley C. Copinger, George A. Johnson, Russell I. Pinckney, Edward A. Stein.

SPECIALIST 5: Jackie L. Blanton, Robert Curtis.

SPECIALIST 4: Robert J. Chase, Jr., Austin C. Curtis, Patrick Freel.

Air Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John J. Whalen, Jr. (1-15)*.

WARRANT OFFICER: Lonnie K. Frampton.

STAFF SERGEANT: James T. Holcomb (1-3)*.

SPECIALIST 4: Jamie A. Perales.

Joint Service Commendation Medal

CAPTAIN: Donald Stewart.

SPECIALIST 7: Daniel Savtloy Wong.

Army Commendation Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Howard G. Comfort (2)*, Paul O. Dabill, Harry Leshner Jr., Oliver Raymond, Raymond Young (1)*.

MAJOR: William V. Baer Jr., Leslie R. Bartlett, Raymond A. Beaupre, Arthur P. Carter, Joseph F. Carls (1)*, Harold D. Heath, Joseph P. Karpicky, John F. Kelliher, Norman W. Littlejohn, Edgar M. Matheson (2)*, Werner C. Philippsen (1)*, Lawrence H. Tifverman.

CAPTAIN: Sherman J. Blanchard, William C. Burch, Vincent P. Flynn (1)*, Kenneth L. Iverson Sr. (1)*, Michael T. Lipovac, David B. Pitman, Herbert D. Pond (1)*, Russell H. Ray, Michael J. Remick, Rodney B. Spackman, Thomas J. Webb.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Michael R. Edy, Richard J. Tamaro.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Elmer G. Gerecke, James E. Thurston (1)*.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: John R. G. Grosskopf, Donald L. Langevin (2)*, Frank W. Mowry (2)*, John P. Perkins, William T. Ragatz, Jr. (1)*, Paul O. Scott (1)*, Duane L. Shamburg.

WARRANT OFFICER: Arthur J. Pryor.

SERGEANT MAJOR: Richard O. Hillis.

FIRST SERGEANT: Ralph W. Boles, Jr. (1)*, Harlin G. Hanson (1)*.

MASTER SERGEANT: Howard C. Bass (2)*, Antonio J. Caminiti (1)*, Kenneth P. Hesli, Willard D. Kemp, Jr., Lowell D. Pahl (1)*, James L. Smith Jr., Robert L. Snyder.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Thomas H. Bomberg (1)*, William D. Bragg, Ronald M. Campbell, Robert L. Demars, Jimmy O. Duke, Richard T. Filler, Donald E. Heins, Leroy C. Henry, John R. Hipsley, Karl M. Kerr, Thomas E. Lacy, Roland G. Messier, Billy J. Moore (L)*, Enoch L. Patterson, James D. Perkins, George E. Peterson, Walter A. Philipp (1)*, Leonard J. Reczek, Benjamin M. Smyle, William R. Twombly (1)*, John M. Van Heyningen, Charles R. Vansickle, Dean A. Wanner, Lawrence W. Wright.

STAFF SERGEANT: Connie C. Adams, Terry K. Auvil, Richard R. Bachtel, Robert L. Biggar, Arthur E. Buss, Norman L. Carter (1)*, Jerry D. Cherrette, Michael Florio, Adolph O. George, Ronald W. Hancock, Franklin D. Harris, William H. Hopkins, Lawrence D. Ingersoll, Jose E. Lucero, Julius Maklary, William H. Miller, William Negron-Vega,

Edwin L. Padrick, William Renta-Fortis, Daniel L. Rogers, Charles H. Turner, Jerold B. Van Hyfte, Marion E. White.

SPECIALIST 6: Donald W. Anderson, Carl W. Long, Melvin M. Lynch, Joel H. McCarter, Robert V. Tharp.

SERGEANT: Kenneth Nissen, William L. Overton.

SPECIALIST 5: Stephen R. Blank, James P. Bradford, Francis P. Broussard, William D. Boggs, Wesley G. Burge, Frederick J. Hadank Jr., James A. Methvin, Ronald C. Wentlandt, Robert T. Wickson, Urbie C. Williams.

SPECIALIST 4: Neal E. Bossert, Allan Bromley, John D. Dorman, Lawrence P. Fitzgerald, Patrick Free, Richard Gosso, Randall L. Mason, William H. Overcash, Jr., William J. Sachen, Richard C. Troyer, James D. Vaughn, Daniel K. Woodard, Norman Ziegler.

* Indicates number of Oak Leaf Cluster(s) received.

Retirement

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Robert Gerst, Oley O. Snyder.

MAJOR: Robert L. Kinser.

CHIEF WARRENT OFFICER 2: Rex Pinkerton, Gene W. Webber.

MASTER SERGEANT: Ralph L. Meyers, Joseph A. Zeman.

STAFF SERGEANT Adolph O. George.

SOLDIERS OF THE QUARTER

Hakata, Japan

PFC James M. Harris

Comm Unit Europe

SP4 Harry W. Rosier

H&S Co, Frankfurt

SP4 James W. Burchell

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Quality Pay Increase

Gerald Martin, Mrs. Stella J. Matthews and Mrs. Jean M. Smith.

Sustained Superior Performance Awards

Mrs. Delphine J. Anger and Mrs. Naomi C. Ray.

Outstanding Performance Awards

Mrs. Delphine J. Anger, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bunch and Robert Stephens.



R AND R REPORT

USASA sports, recreation and entertainment

SOFTBALL

Japan—The Kuma Station (Chitose) Bears are the 1968 USARJ Softball Champions after sweeping the August USARJ tournament with a 6-1 record. SSG Chuck Reynolds, who pitched five shutouts including one no hitter, was voted most valuable player of the tourney. Supporting pitchers were SSG Ernie People and SSG John Quinn. The top hitters were SP4 Warren Walton (.435), SSG Chuck Reynolds (.375) and SP5 Wally Kramek (.367).

Germany—Rothwestern, host for our second annual Chief's (Europe) Softball Tournament in August, won with the aid of SGT Willie Hunt's superb pitching. Hunt, who was selected most valuable player of the tourney, won five games with no losses. Hunt's motto, "If they can't see 'em, they can't hit 'em."

Berlin placed second in the competition, followed by Bad Aibling and H&S Co (Frankfurt).

In a later game, SGT Hunt's pitching helped the Rothwestern HQ Co team win the Hessen District Softball Championship.

Massachusetts—The Yankees won the World Series this year! That is, little Yankees in the Little League won the Ft. Devens Little World Series! The winners, who had a 15-4 season record, were sponsored by Co H, TC&S.

"Supper Walking Dock" won first place, print category, in the First Army competition of the 1968 All Army Art Contest. The artist, PFC Joseph Rodriguez, TC&S, also placed second in water color and in drawings, capturing the maximum awards permitted, and winning in all categories he entered. PFC William E. Hoffman, who placed second in oils, was another winner from TC&S. (Photo by SP4 Dave King)



LT Wilber N. Earl Jr. serves in the final match of the Arlington Hall Station Tennis Tournament in October. LT Harold W. Chambliss won the match and the tournament. (Photo by SP4 Michael Walston)

VARIETY

Korea—On Unit Day in September the Benefit Association Variety Show, "Born Free," debuted at Gp HQ in Pyong Taek to wildly enthusiastic overflow crowds. This three-hour original musical extravaganza was later repeated, videotaped and shown on AFKN television.

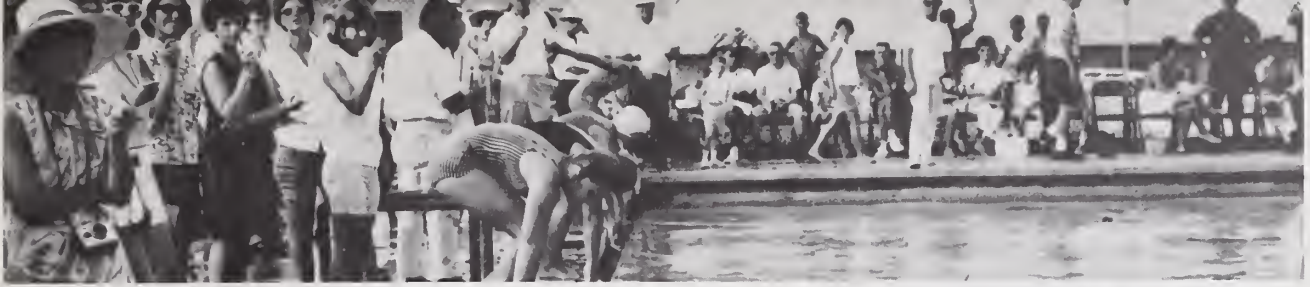
The 15 acts included comedy, rock 'n roll, country-western, jazz quartet, folk singing, etc. 1LT Lee Mimms directed the cast of 28. The show later went on tour and at Kanghwa helped the unit open a new service club. "Born Free" is a sequel to the production which toured Korea last spring.

Japan—Eight SP4s from Kuma Station (Chitose) won first place in the USARJ Entertainment Contest in October. Ray Kaneyama placed first in the instrumental solo category with his piano rendition of "The Sweetest Sounds," while the top vocal soloist award went to Herman "Rap" Conaway who sang "Knock on Wood."

The six man "Franklin Park Zoo" were judged best in the group instrumental division with their original composition, "The Insite Theme." Tom Selew, vocalist, said the group took its name from a zoo located near his hometown, Dorchester, Mass. The "Zoo" plays moderate to folk rock. The group was started in January although the present members have been together only since July.

The Franklin Park Zoo from Kuma Station (Chitose) took first place in a recent USARJ Talent Contest. Members are (from left): SP4s Rick Gray; Tim Hilliard; Tom Sellew; Jack Adams; and Al Biddlingmeier. Not pictured is guitarist SP4 Ed Tuffy.





Participants in a recent youth swimming meet at Torii Station toe the mark. (Photo by SP4 Don Chapman)

SWIMMING

Okinawa—After winning three individual awards, Terry Brooks, son of SGT James T. Brooks from Torii Station (Sobe), was named "Most Outstanding Swimmer" in island-wide competition this summer. In 50-meter competition he placed first in the free-style (38.3 sec.), the backstroke (46.6 sec.) and second in the butterfly (51.5 sec.). Nearly 450 youngsters participated in the competition held at Torii Station.

HORSESHOES

Maryland—CW2 Billy R. Bates and CPT James D. Gallagher of the HHC, ASA Spt Gp, Ft. Meade, horseshoe pitching team, placed second in post-level doubles competition. SP4 Lane Thames and CPT Gallagher placed third and fourth respectively in the singles.

In earlier competition SP4 Thames threw eight straight ringers and in doubles competition CPT Gallagher and SP4 Thames defeated everyone.

Massachusetts—SGT Gary Cox, TC&S, won the singles horseshoe competition in the August Ft. Devens Small Games Championships. SGT Cox and Specialist Barkley placed second in doubles competition.

Germany—SSG Duane Edwards, FS Rothwesten, took first place in district level playoffs of the USAREUR Horseshoe Tournament, while SSG James Cathers won third place in his district competition.

FISHING

Japan—Mike Bryce, 12, son of HQ Co 1SG Glenn Bryce, caught the largest fish of the season at Kuma Station (Chitose). It was a 22-inch brown trout caught in Lake Shikotsu.

Massachusetts—SFC Jerry Brumfield and SGT Dan Morris, HQ Co TC&S, caught 32 fish totaling 85 pounds on a fishing expedition to Rockport. The largest catch was a 20-pound sea catfish. The two were better fisherman than navigators—they ended up adrift 16 miles out at sea!

GOLF

Germany—Herzo Base's Frank Wickless helped pace the Com Z golfers to first place in the team standings of the 1968 USAREUR Golf Championships in October. Earlier Wickless fired a four-round total of 313 to finish second in the Com Z Golf Championships in Garmisch.

Virginia—SSM Vann E. Halbrook won the Arlington Hall Station Fall Golf Tournament in September with a low gross of 156.

Japan—Two unusual challenges faced SP6 Dennis G. Osha of FS Chitose when he entered the Hokkaido Amateur Golf Tournament. First, he was the only American ever to enter the tournament and, second, he had to play in typhoon-precipitated winds of up to 60 mph.

Despite these handicaps, SP6 Osha shot a 72-hole 341, good enough to finish fifth out of 140 entrants.

Missouri—SP4 William E. Smith of ASA PP&P Det, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., won the "A Flight" in the post Labor Day Golf Tourney with a 71 on the par 73 course.

TENNIS

Thailand—CW3 Robert J. Comey, 7th RRFS, won the senior singles championship in the September US Army Thailand Tennis Tournament.

BOWLING

Germany—MAJ Glenn Feagan, Herzo Base XO, bowled three consecutive games in September with the same score of 139. This rare feat (10,000 to 1 odds) was honored by the American Bowling Congress with a commemorative patch. Allen Koprek also received a patch for a 223 game, the highest of the season in the Pioneer League.

BASKETBALL

Ethiopia—On July 17 at FS Asmara the HHC Pistons kept up a full-court press throughout a hard-fought(?) game against the B Co Kudos. The Pistons won—138-18. P.S. The Pistons lost their next game!

Germany—The "Big Blue" at Europe HQ (Frankfurt) took third place in an international basketball tournament in September. Guard SSG Bill Russell of Berlin, the Blue's top scorer, was selected most valuable player. Ron Davis, the German's top man, was a former Big Blue star who now teaches at American High School in Frankfurt. Big Blue coach SSG Bud Starkey said, "I think my men played well considering they had only three weeks to prepare for the tournament. The other clubs have been playing together for years."

Herzo Base is playing tackle football this year for the first time, in the USAREUR Com Z league. In the season opener, Herzo Flyer fullback SP4 Dave Santee drives for a seven-yard gain. (Photo by SP5 Robert R. Nock)



You've just arrived at your new Army Security Agency installation, thousands of miles from your old friends and your home. Where should you go? What should you do?

If your first inclination is to head toward the post Special Services Center you are thinking in the right direction. It's the natural place to find interesting things to do in a friendly atmosphere, whether you're the newest man in the unit or the post "veteran."

Special Services has been called the "home away from home," and in a real sense it is. No, it does not take the place of Mom's cooking or a moonlit stroll with your special girl; it isn't meant to.

But the Special Services program does give you a chance to relax and take a breather from your military work through a variety of recreational opportunities to suit just about every taste.

USASA posts offer exciting and well-managed Special Services programs and they are all yours just for the asking.

Libraries provide a chance for research or browsing. In the world of books you can accompany Ulysses in his wanderings, share the melancholy of Hamlet, or scoff at danger with Her Majesty's Servant, Mr. Bond.

Camera bugs will find all the equipment they need to print their own pictures. Most Special Services maintain complete professional dark room facilities and even supply photographic print paper.

Most Agency installations also offer equipment and instructions for those interested in painting, woodworking, and ceramic arts. Much of the work done in arts and crafts by "amateurs" is of a highly polished—at times even professional—quality.

The year-round schedule of excursions and tours is one of the most popular features of Special Services. Armed with nothing but 35 mm cameras and a few extra roles of film Agency people are seeing first-hand some fascinating things.

The scope of the sights is exotic—from the concrete forest of downtown Manhattan, to a medieval castle on the Rhine, to a palatial estate in Ethiopia.

The outdoorsman can take part in a wide assortment of excursions and outings. Depending on where you are stationed, you might find yourself visiting the beach or the mountains or even flying down a nearby ski slope.

Of course all Special Services conduct a full sports

program. Softball, tag football, volleyball, fishing, golf, basketball, and tennis head the long list of sports offered at USASA posts; some places, in fact, offer such exotic competitions as lacrosse and karate.

The Agency is constantly striving to improve the recreational activities at its posts.

Thanks to a program started more than a year ago at Headquarters, Special Services at USASA installations are now staffed by people trained in that MOS.

Individuals who have been assigned to Special Services in the Agency undergo an intensive eight-week training program at Arlington Hall Station.

Working with experienced supervisors, they learn the

major functions of Special Services. For example, a trainee might spend two weeks in the library, a few weeks in the arts and crafts shop and several more weeks in the gymnasium and the Service Club.

In short, he becomes involved with everything that goes on so that when he completes his on-the-job training and moves to his new assignment, he has a good insight into the complete Special Services program.

Before new commanding officers move to their unit assignments, they are given a comprehensive tour of Arlington Hall Station's Special Services activities. The purpose of the tour is to familiarize the commanders with the scope and potential of a positive program.

Where Special Services are concerned, installations in the Command have a lot going for them—skilled persons running the activities and commanding officers who are knowledgeable and interested in the program.

Each unit, of course, is influenced by its environment, and certain Special Services functions take on some engagingly unique forms. With this in mind, in future issues THE HALLMARK plans to spotlight the more unusual offerings at Agency posts around the world.

We hope to give some insight into the recreational life of several of our Agency installations. The nature of any post is in great part determined by what happens when the work day is over.

In the meantime, whether "veteran" or "new guy," look in on your Special Services program.

There's a lot happening in Agency units everywhere—and it's all just waiting for you.

Special Services



Something For Everyone

— Twitch —

by 1LT Harold W. Chambliss
Ass't AG, USASA

A reliable source has indicated that, in December, Mr. Arnold H. Smitherman will move. Mr. Smitherman has been sitting perfectly still for 13 months in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

If he lasts through December, he will represent the Sit Still and Do Nothing Association in the 1967-68 Olympic Slow Games to be held in Sunstroke, New Mexico.

However, Dr. Eric Straufhouser, noted expert on non-moving human limbs, has observed a twitch in Mr. Smitherman's left ear that was not apparent up to now. Dr. Straufhouser has indicated that the twitch has increased to such proportions that several flies have received serious concussions from Mr. Smitherman's twitching left ear.

Under the ground rules set up by the Olympic Slow Games Committee, contestants competing for a position on the American team are allowed up to and including one twitch.

However, FLICK (Fly Lovers In Communist Kountries), a powerful, subversive organization, has protested violently (up to and including sticking their tongues out at Myron Purleson, Rules Chairman).

If Mr. Smitherman is disqualified due to international pressure, the games will be dominated by a new group from Chicago called LOVE (Leave Old Vegetables Everywhere). LOVE is a hippie movement designed to enhance the fragrance of polluted air.

If this is the case, the hippies will most assuredly take all events in the Olympic Slow Games: Stand Around; Sit Around; Lie Around; and Potpourri.

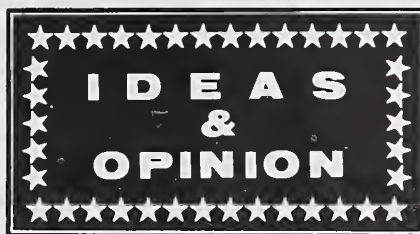
— Straight Jay —

by SP4 Kenneth Gadbois
Editor, Kagnew Gazelle

Hey, you ladies out there who think you got it rough because you put out three meals a day for your

family, give a note to this; Straight Jay Wilson, our stalwart mess steward, supervises the preparation of four meals a day (and two "snack" lunches I promised not to tell about) for 500 guys at a crack.

Sure, he draws competent assistance from three cook crews and a bunch of employees, but he is, after all, the super of the Mess Hall. He orders all the grub, keeps the crews snapped and snarled into line, and still finds time to supervise the area beautification program.



Like them "Snoopy" things out front. "Who done that? Jay," I asked him. "Green and Stifle done it," he barks. "I thought you done it," I says. "Naw, I just suggested it," he replies, and from the twinkle in his eyes I can see he "suggests" like a first shirt "hints" you shouldn't miss no formations.

Jim Wilson is an SFC. He's rough and he's gruff from 15 years of Army-ing, but he's always got a way to make things better for Joe Soldier who eats in his mess halls. Like, since he came here last January from two consecutive tours in Korea, the Page-ton, W. Va., native has turned up neat little silverware and condiment trays and generally brightened up the interior. And, he's seen to it that the grass and trees around the Con Mess got a wholehearted rejuvenation program. Furthermore, the food is top drawer. He sees to that first.

The guys like Straight Jay you meet in the Army don't put any more money in your pocket or do your work for you. But nonetheless, they make your life a little better, a bit easier to get through. And then, when you walk up to 'em and say, "Hey, that looks real good," they answer, "Huh? Oh, that. Yeah, Green and Stifle done a good job."

So does Straight Jay Wilson.

As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron
Command
Sergeant Major



At each unit I visit, I am particularly interested in what activities are available for the individual soldier during his off-duty hours.

Each of us has particular likes and dislikes. Some soldiers strive to improve their educational background during their service years, while others are sports oriented and participate in all the unit athletic programs. There are many talented musicians and artists in our command, as evidenced by the excellent shows I've seen and the paintings that grace the walls of our units. These activities tie us closer together.

Where a unit is actively engaged in all forms of entertainment, sports, educational and community programs, it is a healthy unit. Unfortunately, I have visited some areas and units where this is not true. Results—some soldier is under investigation or in a stockade. I have talked to some of these soldiers and firmly believe that if one of his buddies took a little more interest in him or offered proper advice, that soldier would have been on duty instead of in the stockade. It's fairly easy these days to drift in the wrong direction, but it can be prevented. Mr. Dean Surface phrased it well in the first edition of *THE HALLMARK*: "All a father asks is that some of you guys keep an eye on each other." Many soldiers would have a better chance of getting home safely if a buddy saw fit to be a friend to him.

We do care about the men in the Command and about each other, and we will be a true friend as well as a buddy. The certificate that we will carry when we complete our tour of service will read "honorable discharge."



*“The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have
always paid it. And one path we shall never choose
and that is the path of surrender or submission.”*

John F. Kennedy, October 22, 1962

Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 1968